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ZONAL CULTURAL CENTERS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Zonal Cultural Centres(ZCCs) functioning in the country alongwith financial grants given to them during each of the last three years, State-wise, location-wise;

(b) whether the Grants provided to ZCCs commensurate with their performance;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken / to be taken by the Government to improve the performance of ZCCs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) There are Seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs), 1. North Zone Culture Centre (NZCC), Patiala, 2. North Central Zone Cultural Centre, (NCZCC), Allahabad, 3) North East Zone Cultural Centre(NEZCC), Dimapur, 4) West Zone Cultural Centre(WZCC), Udaipur, 5) South Zone Cultural Centre(SZCC), Thanjavur, 6) South Central Zone Cultural Centre(SCZCC), Nagpur and 7) Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre(EZCC), Kolkata. Ministry of Culture released following grants for cultural programmes to them during each of the last three years such as:-

2001-2002

NZCC, Patiala, Rs. 1.23 Crores
NCZCC, Allahabad, Rs.60.02 Lakhs
NEZCC, Dimapur, Rs. 62.56 Lakhs
WZCC, Udaipur, Rs. 74.78 Lakhs
SZCC, Thanjavur, Rs. 35.55 Lakhs
SCZCC, Nagpur, Rs. 55.18 Lakhs
EZCC, Kolkata, Rs. 52.83 Lakhs

2003-2004

NZCC, Patiala, Rs. 2.18 Crores
NCZCC, Allahabad, Rs.1.05 Crores
NEZCC, Dimapur, Rs. 6.11Crores
WZCC, Udaipur, Rs. 92.41Lakhs
SZCC, Thanjavur, Rs. 1.08 Crores
SCZCC, Nagpur, Rs. 77.75 Lakhs
EZCC, Kolkata, Rs. 1.02 Crores

2002-2003

NZCC, Patiala, Rs. 2.17 Crores
NCZCC, Allahabad, Rs.66.28 Lakhs
NEZCC, Dimapur, Rs. 5.54 Crores
WZCC, Udaipur, Rs. 62.60 Lakhs
SZCC, Thanjavur, Rs. 51.26Lakhs
SCZCC, Nagpur, Rs. 58.00Lakhs
EZCC, Kolkata, Rs. 1.41 Crores

(b) Yes sir.

(c). The grants provided to Zonal Cultural Centres under the Schemes have helped to expand their activities in the field of art and culture of the respective zones.

(d) To maintain the existing level of the programmes and activities ,it is proposed that the Corpus Fund of Rs.5.00 crores per ZCC will be provided during the 10th Five Year Plan . Ministry of Culture has already contributed Rs. 2 crores to each of the ZCCs and remaining Rs. 3 crores is proposed to be given during the Annual Plan 2005-2006 to improve the performance of ZCCs.